

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 26 Jul 49 26/21 Z	2. LOCATION itchell, Nebraska
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS ONE	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object was metallic-silver with a highly reflective surface. Looked like an upside down saucer. Appeared to maintain level flight with exception of slight dipping motion from side to side. Appeared to be whirling.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE Southwest	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

FORM
FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time. (Check Canadian activity if close to that border) No local flight schedules were operating in that area.
4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations, or any other. A check with Rapid City AFM failed to reveal evidence of release of testing devices or weather balloons.
5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression on spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils. N/A
6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc. N/A
7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available. If not, secure sketches of:
- a. Object
 - b. Surrounding terrain where observed. All surrounding terrain is low rolling ground with exception of one small group of hills rising abruptly 600 feet above ground South of Mitchell.
 - c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened).
 - d. Maneuvers.
 - e. Formation if more than one object.
8. Secure signed statement, if possible.
9. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.
10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such.) None Noted

(See AFCSI Letter No. 35, 12Aug49)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
13TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION
Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska

MT/EES/dr

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10 November 1949

SUBJECT: SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIA XO-3

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1. Attached for your information are two copies of Report of Investigation of Special Agent WILLIAM R. OOSTING, this district, dated 10 November 1949, on above subject.

2. In regard to the inclosed report, your attention is invited to Par 11, AFR 205-6, dated 18 May 1949, which prohibits disclosure of this information to unauthorized persons.

1 Incl:
Rpt of S/A OOSTING
dtd 10 Nov 49 (in dup)

Jr Earl E Sparks
MATTHEW THOMPSON USAF
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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United States Air Force The Inspector General Office of Special Investigations REPORT OF INVESTIGATION	File No 24-57 Report Made by WILLIAM R. COSTING
Title SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT..	Report Made at LO #13, Offutt AFB
	Period 11, 12, 17 October 1949
	Office of Origin DO #13, Offutt AFB
	Status CLOSED
Character SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT	
Reference None, this is an initial report	
Synopsis	

Investigation initiated by District Commander, 13th OSI District. On 26 July 1949, Dr. [REDACTED] and one witness saw an unidentified spinning object approximately four miles away at an altitude of 5,000 to 7,000 feet maintaining a straight course towards the southwest. Object was traveling at an estimated 400 - 500 MPH. The object emitted a bright light which closer inspection revealed to be the sun shining off the upper surfaces of the object which looked like an upside down saucer about 25 feet in diameter and three or four feet thick. The object was in view about three minutes and finally disappeared behind a line of hills. The weather was clear with light scattered clouds at 10,000 - 15,000 feet in the southwest, with a visibility of 40 miles.

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation initiated by District Commander, DO #13, upon receipt of a newspaper clipping from the Scottsbluff Daily Star-Herald, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, dated 27 July 1949.

AT SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA

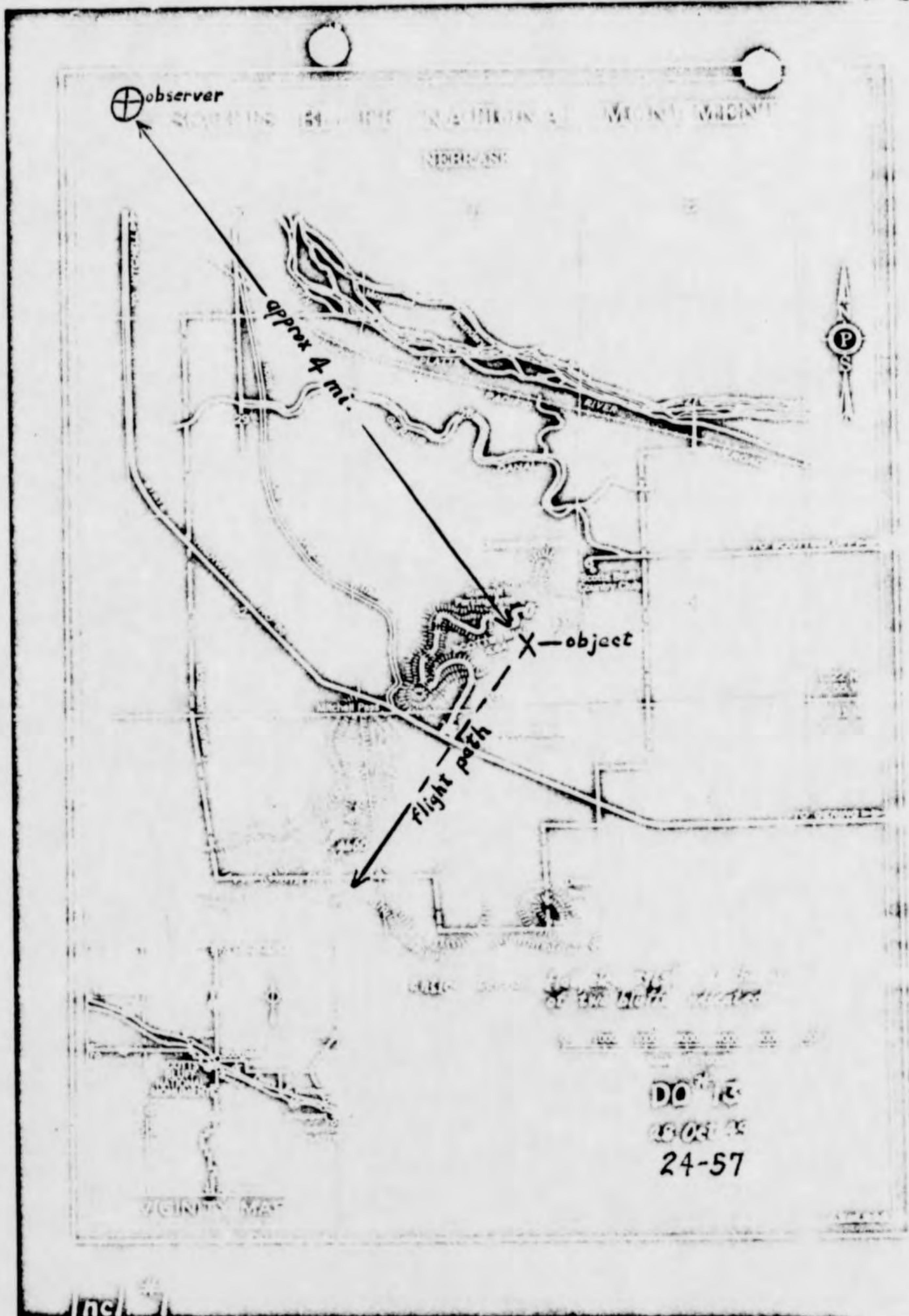
2. Pertinent details regarding the phenomena observed are included as Inclosures #1, #2 and #3.

3 Inclosures:

- (1) Map of area showing position of observer, terrain and path of object.
- (2) Sketch of object
- (3) Check Sheet, "Unconventional Aircraft - Special Inquiry."

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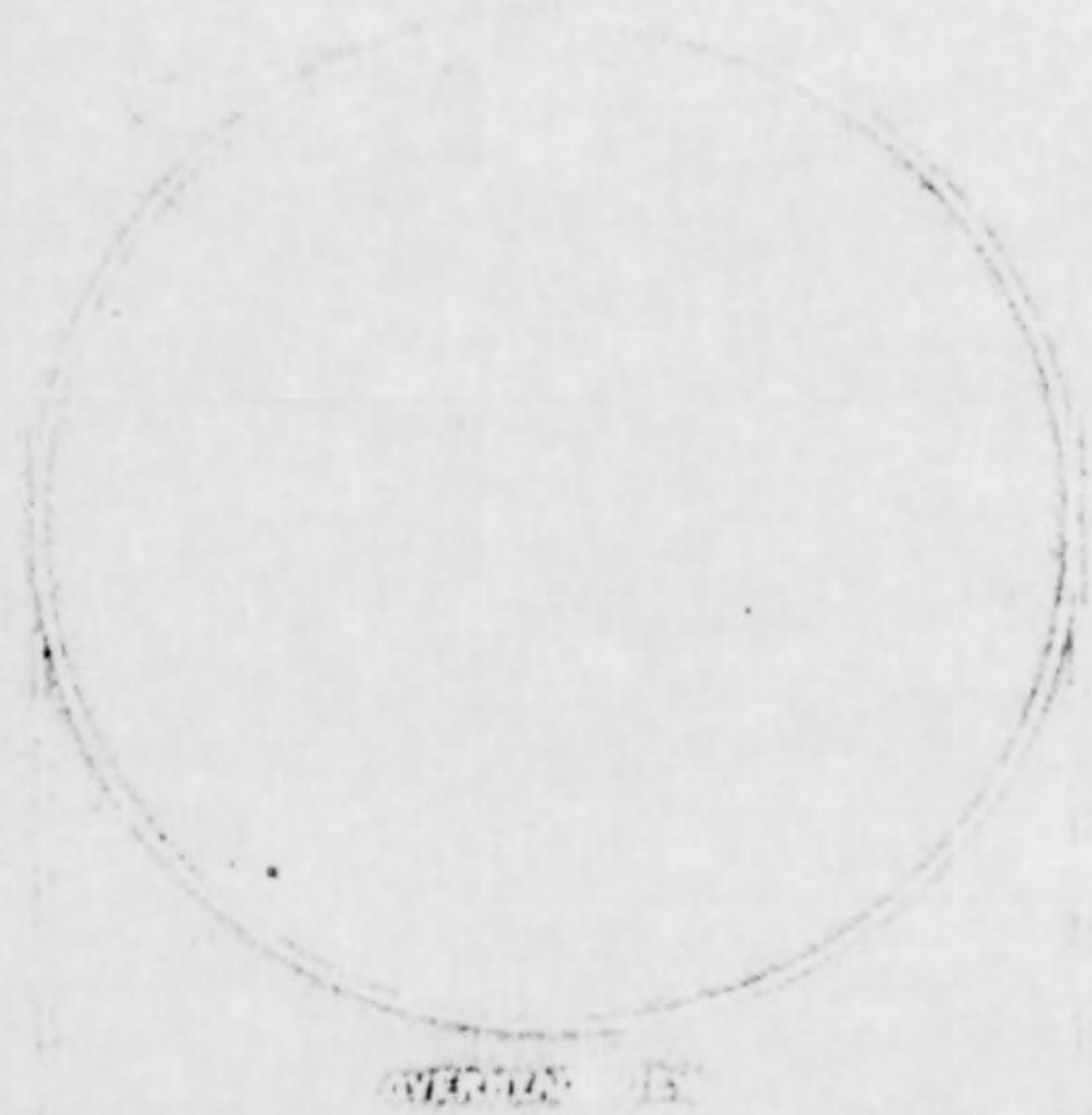
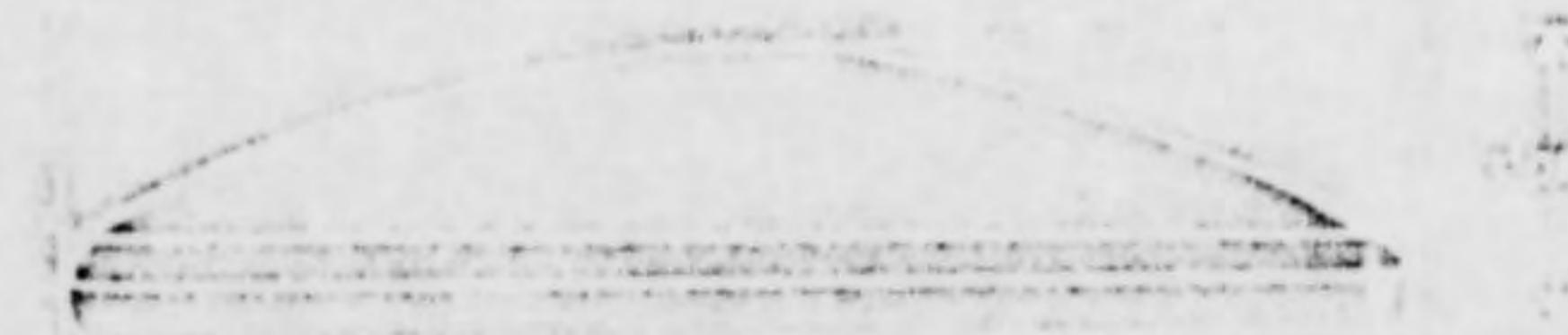


FIGURE 13



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CHECK SHEET

UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT - SPECIAL INQUIRY

1. Date of sighting 26 July 1949
2. Time of sighting (zonal by 24 hr. clock) 1510 hours
3. Where sighted (observer's position):
 - (a). Ground Driving south on edge of Mitchell, Nebraska
 - (b). Air N/A
 - (c). Sea N/A
4. Number of objects. Formation type (if any), sketch if possible One
5. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting. (Local facilities or organizations which follow such celestial phenomena should be consulted for such information) No celestial phenomena or planets were observed in the area of Scottsbluff, Nebraska on 26 July 1949
6. Distance of object from observer:
 - a. Laterally or Horizontally Appeared approximately 4 miles in the south
 - b. Angle of elevation from horizon 30°
 - c. Altitude 5,000 to 7,000 feet
7. Time in sight 3 minutes
8. Appearance of object:
 - a. Color Metallic silver with high reflective qualities
 - b. Shape (Sketch if possible) Looked like upside down saucer (See Inc #2)
 - c. Apparent construction (of what material or substance) Aluminum
 - d. Size 25' diameter
9. Direction of flight Toward southwest
10. Tactics or maneuvers (Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc.) Appeared to maintain level flight with exception of slight dipping motion from side to side. Appeared to be whirling.

Inc #3

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11. Evidence of exhaust: None noted

- a. Color smoke N/A
- b. Length and width N/A
- c. Odor (if any) N/A
- d. Rate of evaporation N/A
- e. Does trail vary with sound? (spurts) N/A

12. Effect on clouds: No clouds in sky

- a. Opened path thru clouds N/A
- b. Forced cloud or mists N/A
- c. Reflected on cloud N/A
- d. Showed thru cloud N/A

13. Lights: None noted

- a. Reflected or attached N/A
- b. Luminous N/A
- c. Blinded on and off in relation to speed N/A

14. Support: None noted

- a. Wings N/A
- b. Aerodynamic lift of fuselage N/A
- c. Vertical jet N/A
- d. Rotating cylinder or cone N/A
- e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible) N/A

15. Propulsion:

- a. Propeller or jet None Noted
- b. Rotor Whirling motion of object gave impression of rotor
- c. Aerodynamic vane (flapping or oscillating) None noted
(Katz Mayer effect)
- d. Visible exhaust or jet openings None Noted

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16. Control and stability:

- a. Fine Object appeared to maintain straight course and more or less level flight.
b. Stabilizers (horizontal or vertical) None noted

17. Air ducts:

- a. Slots None noted
b. Duct openings None noted

18. Speed - M.P.H. 400 - 500 MPH

19. Sounds:

- a. Continuous whine or buzz N/A
b. Rear, whistle, whoosh N/A
c. Intermittent N/A

20. Manner of disappearance:

- a. Explode N/A
b. Faded from view N/A
c. Disappeared behind obstacle disappeared from view behind a line of high hills.

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer Dr. [REDACTED]

2. Address Mitchell, Nebraska

3. Occupation Physician and surgeon

4. Place of business Mitchell, Nebraska

5. Pertinent hobbies None

6. Ability to determine Average

7. Reliability of observer Excellent

8. Notes relative to observer on:

- a. Sightings in general
b. How attention was drawn to object(s) Was driving south on outer edge of town. Attention was drawn by a bright light flashing in his eyes. Closer examination revealed object which appeared to be whirling and dipping slightly

Check Sheet - conventional aircraft (Cont)

from side to side. Closer examination revealed light to be reflection of sun from upper surfaces of disk which appeared to be very shiny.

- c. Degree of fatigue and duration of flight at time of sighting in cases where observer is airborne N/A

9. witnesses:

- a. Addresses Mitchell, Nebraska
- b. Occupation Student, age 10
- c. Reliability Unknown

10. Comments of interrogator regarding the intelligence and character of person interrogated: Observer appeared to be of better than average intelligence, character and integrity.

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars operating on ground: None

- a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target N/A
- b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc., and what radius of turn? If radius of turn is not observable, how did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed? N/A
- c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible N/A

2. If airborne when object sighted: N/A

- a. Were there any radar inductions or extra noise on radio circuits? N/A
- b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc. N/A

General

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions temperature 86° F
1300-1700 hours, visibility 40 miles, light scattered clouds in south-west at 10,000 to 15,000 feet, surface wind NE 6 MPH.
2. Winds aloft report No report available